

Amendments to the Abstract

Please replace the Abstract with the following revised Abstract, amended for compliance with the length requirement:

Abstract of the Disclosure

[0001] Disclosed is ~~[[a]]~~ an interlaced two-component device for closing a laceration or incision. The device includes a first component comprising a first adhesive-backed anchoring member and one or more first connecting members, produced separately from the first adhesive-backed anchoring member. The first connecting member is permanently attached to the first adhesive-backed anchoring member, extending from one edge thereof in a first direction. Also disclosed is a second component comprising a second adhesive-backed anchoring member and one or more second connecting members, produced separately from the second adhesive-backed anchoring member. The second ~~component~~ connecting member is permanently attached to the second adhesive-backed anchoring member, extending from one edge thereof in a second direction generally opposite to the first direction. Means for attaching the one or more first connecting members to the second anchoring member and means for attaching the one or more second connecting members to the first anchoring member is provided. ~~The attachment of the connecting members to the anchoring members forms attached and bridging portions of the one or more connecting members, the attached portions being attached to an anchoring member, and the bridging portions spanning the over-laceration area between the first and second anchoring members. Disclosed is a device wherein the connecting members and the anchoring members are produced from different sheet stock. In preferred embodiments, the sheet stock used for production of the anchoring members has a degree of elasticity to allow flexibility in anchoring members. Flexibility allows anchoring members to remain on the skin for a desired period of time when the device is applied to areas such as joints. Methods of use are also disclosed.~~